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For: SCAFFOLD COUPLING ELEMENT WITH A SECURE-SITTING HEAD BOLT

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**RESPONSE**

To the Director of Patents and Trademarks

Sir:

In response to the office action dated July 12, 2004, the applicant provisionally elects the species of Figure 2 and traverses the requirement.

Claims 40-45, 51-54 and 60 are generic.

Claims 40-45, 46-50, 51-54, 55, 57-59 and 60 read on the provisionally elected species of Figure 2.

**REMARKS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

This completes all of the requirements of the July 12, 2004 and March 24, 2004 Office Actions.

The examiner's comments on the specification are informal, are not objections and require no response.

The examiner's comment on only one claimed "specie" or species is incorrect and without basis. The examiner has already